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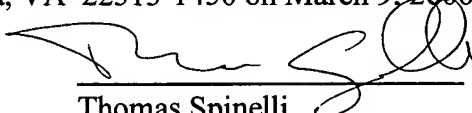
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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-256627, dated October 5, 1993, together with English-language Abstract; and
3. French Patent Publication No. 2 835 603, dated August 8, 2003.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated December 9, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. Please note the other references cited in the Search Report, namely, International PCT Patent Publication No. WO 01/74266, dated October 11, 2001 and Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2001-082941, dated March 30, 2001, were previously cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statements filed November 23, 2005 and October 9, 2003, respectively. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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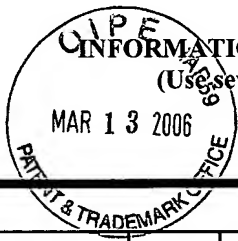
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		EP 1 193 646 A2	4/3/2002	EPO				
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